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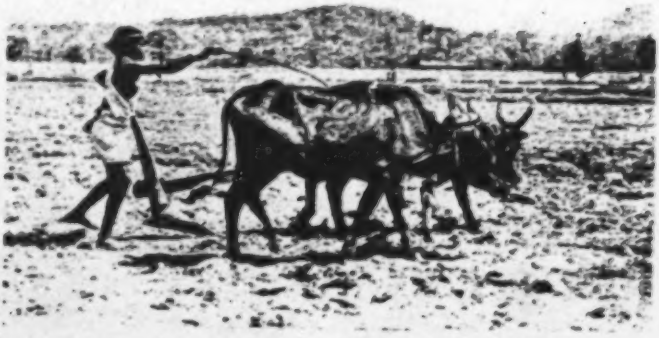

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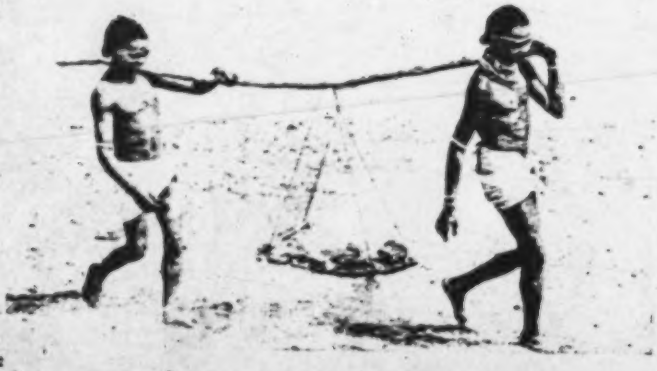

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1 Motiari ploughing at Bayanar

2 Carrying earth to embank a field

3 Chelik at Sirpuri in solid-wheeled cart

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*Wori wori singār,*
*Bāni bāni pungār.*
Rows and rows of decorations,
There are many kinds of flowers.
—A honeycomb.

*Tutri bukāte bāri perek.*
In a small hole is a small seed.
—*Lokti* bees.

Untie the she-buffalo and milk the peg.
—Getting honey from a hive.

A herd of cattle has one leader.
—The swarm and its queen.

Many flowers grow in the tank.
—A honeycomb.

Flower, flower, how it flowers!
What comes out of the flower?
—Bees.

I have recorded one song about bees, but I was unable to discover any games that illustrated the taking of a hive.

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*Song*

The bees suck the kosra flower,
Search for the bees, Kotwar,
Send out the boys, Kotwar.
The bees suck the paddy flower,
Search for the bees, Kotwar,
Send out the boys, Kotwar.
The Manjhi says he'll give his daughter
To the boy who kills the bees.
An orphan chelik kills the bees,
He brings the hive and shows the Manjhi.
The Manjhi gives the boy his daughter.
The bees suck the mandia flower,
Search for the bees, Kotwar,
Send out the boys, Kotwar.

### VII. Oil

*Ann kare motai, tel kare chiknai, kapare kare barai. Food fattens, oil adorns, clothes dignify.*—Muria saying

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The Muria make many different kinds of oil; some for use in their carts, some for light, some for medicine, but most, of course, for food. The *gāraneyi* is extracted from mahua seed and is used mainly for cooking. So is the oil gained from the usual oil-seed crops, 'the slender trees that have a hundred babies', which are often raised in the *bāri* gardens. Seeds of the sarai tree are collected and make a useful oil. The fat of lizards and the grubs that live in the date-palm and the fat of cow, buffalo, goat, pig, cock, and several kinds of deer all yield oil which can be used for cooking and to mix with food. For lighting purposes and to oil the wheels of bullock-carts, oil made from the seed of the karanji, bandgul or kosom is used. Oil for anointing the bride and bridegroom in marriage and

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